

**Senate File 135 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the compulsory age of attendance and to  
2 sanctions for failure to attend school.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, subsection 1, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, a child  
4 who has reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen  
5 years of age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age.  
6 However, if a child enrolled in a school district or accredited  
7 nonpublic school reaches the age of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen on or  
8 after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until  
9 the end of the regular school calendar.

10 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
11 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
12 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
13 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
14 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
15 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
16 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of  
17 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding  
18 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act  
19 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school  
20 districts.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to compulsory attendance age of secondary  
25 school students and sanctions for nonattendance.

26 The bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from  
27 16 to 18, and therefore the driver's license sanctions of Code  
28 section 299.1B apply to such a person. Under Code section  
29 299.1B, a person who is of compulsory attendance age who does  
30 not meet exception under Code section 299.2, does not attend  
31 a public school or an accredited nonpublic school, is not  
32 receiving competent private instruction or independent private  
33 instruction, and who does not attend an alternative school or  
34 adult education classes, shall not receive an intermediate or  
35 full driver's license until age 18.

1     The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
2 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
3 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
4 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
5 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
6 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
7 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
8 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
9 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
10 mandates included in the bill.